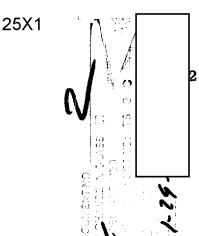
VENEZUELA - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

- Venezuelan government making all-out effort through OAS to force I. the isolation, condemnation, and downfall of Dominican Dictator Trujillo following effective establishment Dominican involvement in 24 June assassination attempt on President Betancourt.
 - Venezuela requesting OAS council to call emergency meeting of American Foreign Ministers not later than 15 July. Council has deferred decision until 8 July.
 - Venezuela wants Foreign Ministers to invoke sanctions against the Dominican regime under 1947 Rio Mutual Defense Pact.
 - Pro-Castro Venezuelan Foreign Minister states his government also wants US and Latin American governments which have not done so to break diplomatic relations with Trujillo.
 - He has requested US to lead way in this action and to offer act as host to foreign ministers' meeting.
 - Cuba, Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, and Ecuador b. have already broken relations with Ciudad Trujillo.
- Venezuela likely to retaliate against Trujillo if OAS does not II. act promptly and effectively against him.
 - Venezuelan Foreign Minister claims Venezuelan people and military would support attack on Dominican Republic.
 - Popular hatred of Trujillo in Venezuela has intensified 1. since assassination attempt.
 - Betancourt reportedly believes another Dominican attempt 2. will be made on his life momentarily and feels he must have showdown with Trujillo without further delay.



- 3. Military have favored direct action ever since the Dominican-backed uprising of dissident armed forces elements in Venezuela on 20-21 April.
- 4. Venezuela may give large-scale support to Dominican exile groups in Venezuela to launch an invasion of the Dominican Republic.

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III. Stability of Dominican dictatorship threatened by growing internal opposition and hemispheric isolation.

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- B. OAS condemnation of Trujillo accompanied by sanctions would further weaken his position.
 - 1. OAS Peace Committee condemned Trujillo in early June for flagrant violations of human rights.
 - a. Internal Dominican opposition likely to rise against Trujillo if well-armed invasion effort is launched by exiles.